

The English Restoration and Louis XIV

From the Peace of Westphalia to the Peace of Nimwegen by Osmund Airy

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In this trim volume, British historian Osmund Airy writes of the period between 1648 and 1679 when Cardinal Mazarin, having concluded the Peace of Westphalia for France, confronts the Fronde. By the time of his death in 1661, Mazarin has made Louis XIV an absolute monarch, ready to extend his borders by conquest. In Holland, William III of Orange resolutely opposes Louis's military ambitions. In England, the restored Charles II is struggling with Parliament, juggling religious factions, and cheerfully spending Louis's secret subsidies while giving the French king as little value for his money as possible.

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